

ADEREWSKI PLAYS HERE FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

State-musician Pianist Gets Wonderful Reception on Return to Concert Platform

Ignace Jan Paderewski made his first appearance for many years in this city as a concert pianist at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon before an audience which filled the big building to overflowing.

The pianist received a royal reception when he made his first note of the last note of a long and somewhat heavy program. He held the attention of the audience; in fact, this performance seemed to increase rather than decrease as the program progressed.

The numbers which he chose to play were long, and added to this was the fact that he was twenty minutes late for his recital. The program included besides the Variations for Great G major fantasia of Schumann, the F minor (Appassionata) Sonata of Beethoven, a group of Chopin's G minor Ballade, a major nocturne in B flat minor and three sharp minor scherzo, and three numbers of Liszt. "Au Bord d'une Source," the F minor concert étude, and the brilliant E major Polonaise, of the Schumann and Beethoven numbers are major works, both in length and in design, but Mr. Paderewski's individual art showed to better advantage both in the Chopin and the Liszt groups. He has lost nothing in artistic stature since he retired from the concert stage, but his is now the mature art of the man who has lived long in the midst of stirring events which have left an indelible impression upon the man, which in turn is reflected in his playing. There is nothing of the matinee idol of twenty years ago about the Paderewski of today, and while the essential elements of his playing of that time still exist, they have been both mellowed and broadened by time and experience.

Mr. Paderewski sat on a darkened stage, the only lights in the house being those from the topmost part of the auditorium. The blond hair is more what from the forehead. The eyes are what thoughtful and the whole physical aspect of the artist is that of one who has witnessed and experienced the sorrows of life. This is an unusual degree of age shown in his performance. While there is all of that spirituality which was always one of his leading characteristics, the flashing pearls and the sprightly of years ago, marvelous in their swiftness, are now replaced by a

heavier but more expressive touch and there is greater sincerity and more philosophic interpretation.

Technically Mr. Paderewski's greatest asset is now, as it has always been, his remarkable command of tone quality and color. While these elements were not of such effect in the Schumann and Beethoven numbers, they showed to marvelous purpose in the Chopin and Liszt, the two most pianistic of composers. The G minor Ballade was a marvel of beauty in piano color, as was also the nocturne in G major, perhaps the loveliest of all the Chopin nocturnes. In the "Au Bord d'une Source" of Liszt there was a lightness and a tonal control given to few pianists, while in the Chopin scherzo and the Liszt concert étude and polonaise there was full vigor and strength of tone. Mr. Paderewski goes far to disprove the old statement that "they never come back." He has done so and with a greater and deeper art than before.

TO HEAR OF 'FRENCH NOVEL'

Bala-Cynwyd Woman's Club Will Meet Tomorrow

"The French Novel" will be the subject of an address by Dr. J. P. Wickert, professor of romance languages at the University of Pennsylvania, at a meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd Woman's Club tomorrow in the Presbyterian Church, Cynwyd.

Following the meeting there will be a tea. Mrs. Arthur Hobson Quinn and Mrs. Rudolph F. Tull will be hostesses. Mrs. Robert Patrick and Mrs. G. C. Mirreza will be in charge of the tea, and Mrs. F. Curtis Rubley and Mrs. Harry A. Ferreira will preside at the table.

The Hospitality Committee consists of Mrs. Patrick, chairman; Mrs. Mirreza, Mrs. Maurice L. Long, Mrs. Edwin M. Lyons, Mrs. Horace B. Custer, Mrs. Walter B. Supplee and Mrs. H. P. Liveridge.

PICTURE OF SAVIOUR SHOWN

Two Hundred Pastors See Work in Church of the Covenant

Two hundred pastors viewed the oil painting, "Christ at the End of His Way," at a private exhibiting yesterday in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Covenant, Eighteenth and Spruce streets. The painting is by Dr. Edward H. Munn, of New York.

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